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SUBJ: EXPORT LICENSE RENEWAL RE HUMAN TISSUES

DEPARTMENT PASS HEW

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM FLOW LABORATORIES, ROCKVILLE, MD, CONCERNING RENEWAL OF THE EXPORT LICENSE FOR HUMAN EMBRYO TISSUES BY THEIR KOREAN SUPPLIER DOCTOR. FLOW LAB INDICATES THAT KOREA IS ITS SOLE SOURCE OF SUPPLY FOR SUCH TISSUES AND THAT MAJOR RESEARCH PROJECTS ARE ENTIRELY DEPENDENT ON THE KOREAN SUPPLY. FLOW'S ACTIVITIES FALL UNDER PURVIEW OF HEW REGULATION NUMBER 45CFR46, PROTECTION OF HUMAN SUBJECTS. FLOW HAS CORRESPONDED WITH R.C. BACKUS, OFFICE FOR PROTECTION FROM RESEARCH RISKS OF HEW.

2. THE KOREAN NATIONAL POLICE COMPLETED THEIR INVESTIGATION OF PROCEDURES INVOLVED IN OBTAINING THESE TISSUES AND ARE PREPARING THEIR REPORT. THE ROK MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS (MHSA) IS REVIEWING THE LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION AND IN VIEW OF THE POSSIBILITY OF AROUSING EMOTIONS CONCERNING THIS ISSUE, WE PREFER TO ALLOW MHSA AMPLE TIME TO MAKE A REASONED DECISION. IF MHSA APPEARS TO REACT NEGATIVELY, WE ARE PREPARED QUIETLY TO ENCOURAGE RENEWAL BASED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF RESEARCH FOR COMBATTING CANCER AND FOR VIROLOGICAL AND OTHER BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH PROJECTS.

3. CONSIDERING THE POTENTIAL SENSITIVITY OF THIS EMOTIONAL

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ISSUE SIMILAR TO THAT EXPERIENCED IN U.S. WE DO NOT NOW

PLAN TO MADE A STRONGER APPEAL. HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE
HELPFUL TO US IN MAKING THE CASE TO THE MINISTER OF HEALTH
TO HAVE HEW SUPPORT AND SOME MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON
WHAT RESEARCH WOULD BE PRECLUDED BY KOREAN FAILURE TO
SUPPLY THE TISSUES.
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